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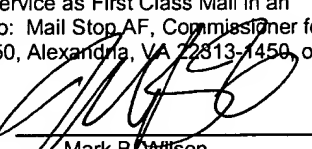
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Title: *METHOD FOR PREPARING A LATEX WITH PHOTOCHROMIC PROPERTIES AND USES THEREOF, PARTICULARLY IN OPHTHALMOLOGY*

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed June 29, 2004, finally rejecting claims 24-27, 36, 39, 42-45, 48-57, and 62. The fee for filing this Notice of Appeal is \$430.00 and is included with this document.

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